

Growth and Empire Movie Questions

- 1) A Frenchman named Crèvecoeur in the new United States asked a now famous question: "***What then is the American, this new man?***" What was so unusual about Americans which prompted the question?
- 2) In another letter written at the start of the American Revolution, Benjamin Franklin wrote: "***Britain without us can grow no stronger. Without her, we (USA) shall become a tenfold greater and mightier People.***" Explain why Franklin was right or wrong?
- 3) In the 1700's America was the fastest growing population in the world. What 2 factors account for America's massive population growth?
- 4) Olaudah Equiano, was the rarest of American writers: a slave who learned writing which allowed him to be to record the experience of slaves in the colonial south. How did the difficulties of rice farming lead to greater freedom for slaves?
- 5) Describe the Stono Rebellion, the first major uprising amongst the American slaves.
- 6) A Philadelphian described America as the "***best poor man's country in the world***". Explain why he was right or wrong:

7) What factors made Philadelphia "*the immigrant center of early America*"?

8) What group made up over 90% of the American middle class, and were they qualified to vote?

9) What percentage of American free men could vote in the mid 1700's? _____

What percent of English free men could vote? _____

10) The professor described colonial economics by saying: "***In Europe, land was scarce and expensive; labor was cheap and available. In America, land was cheap and available; labor was scarce and expensive.***" How did this explain slavery in the southern colonies, and economic democracy in the North?

11) The French and Indian War gave Britain total control of North America but the British victory lead directly to American cries for independence from Great Britain. What behaviors during the French and Indian War would cause loyal Americans to eventually break with their English brothers with England so quickly?